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## Sunday Shopping Means Higher Prices

On a recent Sunday a group of United Church ministers picketed a supermarket in a Toronto suburb which was open for business and were threatened with trespassing charges. According to Justice Secretary George Kerr the supermarket, in his opinion, is not one of those businesses permitted to operate on Sunday under the Lord's Day Act. Therefore it was breaking the law.

In the same week the president of Dominion Stores stated that his company was not in favor of an "Open Sunday" but had to keep open in some areas because its competitors were doing so. He warned it can only lead to higher prices for the consumer.

Loblaws has been quietly soliciting protests against Sunday operation of supermarkets, etc.

Rather than being an attempt by the Christian community of churchgoers to foist their beliefs on the rest of the population and to force people to go to church, the initial stand against working on Sunday was made by labor, who sought help from the churches.

With the supermarkets, the

churches and labor against an "Open Sunday", who, then is in favor of it? With the number of hours the supermarkets are open on weekdays, even shift workers can shop at their convenience.

True, the seven-day week gives more employment for housewives and students, but because they have to be paid for their services, this extra-cost plus extra overhead expense, can only result in higher prices not only for the Sunday shoppers in certain limited locations but for every customer of every store in the province.

To insist on a "Closed Sunday" therefore, particularly in these days of inflationary prices, is only good economic sense for everyone — because everyone is a consumer of the goods offered by the supermarkets and wants to keep food prices as low as possible.

Justice Secretary Kerr has said he hopes to table a paper on the matter shortly and "with the consent of the house, introduce legislation in the next session of the Legislature". Be certain that your MLA knows your views on the matter in the near future.

## Upgrade Education

Education Minister Thomas Wells' announcement of a swing back to compulsory courses for secondary school students has been hailed as a step in the right direction by principals, teachers and parents. Even the students are heaving a sigh of relief.



THOMAS WELLS

The one-year experiment in purely elective time-tabling put a tremendous burden on the students, and on the parents who are really concerned that their children get a well-rounded education, not just slide through to a diploma and a job. Senior secondary students we have talked with were not as bemused as their juniors. They had had two or three years in which to assess the numerous options available which could be built around a central core of compulsory subjects, such as English and physical and health education, but for entering grade 9 or grade 10, the early teen, the years of uncertainty, it was a golden opportunity to opt for the subjects they thought would be "less sweat". It says much for the direction and guidance offered in the schools that very few students tried to go all out for courses requiring a minimal of effort on their part.

Many of the people we have talked to think, as we do, that the Minister has not gone far enough. However he is off to a good start. In this era of instant communication English, even before it became optional, has been given short shrift. Universities, colleges and employers complain that recent high school graduates are just a step short of being illiterate. Even we are often shattered

by grammatical and spelling errors in communications that come to this office from (guess who?) Right! — school teachers.

Canadian studies was a natural second choice as a compulsory subject. It encompasses so many fields, and can be worked quite naturally into courses in social and environmental studies, economics, geography, history, law, urban studies and world religions, which are all on the list of provincially approved courses.

We do not for a moment advocate a return to the lock-step rigidity of curriculum that was standard a decade or so ago. We do, however, agree with Bayview Secondary School Principal Arthur Martin that physical and health education should also be returned to the list of "compulsory" courses. There will always be the types who enjoy physical exercises and sports and will keep in top shape no matter what the schools do, but most of us tend to get too flabby too fast. Now they can get a head start — in grade 9.

But the physical education program in the schools goes beyond jogging around the school grounds and calisthenics in the gymnasium. It also goes into the physiology of the human body, sex and drug abuse—subjects parents are often reluctant to discuss with their offspring, subjects that many adults do not understand themselves and as a result feel hopelessly inadequate when quizzed by their children.

Which brings us to another point. The multiplicity of options, the urging by the public and professionals to place the responsibility for education in areas formerly dealt with by the home and the church on the schools — ethics, morals, religion — are adding to the burden placed on the educational system. We want boards of education to impart more knowledge, but cut school budgets. We want the teacher to become a pseudo-parent, but we want him to accept graciously the burden of larger classes.

All of which adds up to a sticky mess — teachers revolting, students rebelling, taxpayers screaming, trustees caught in a hopeless bind. Direction is needed, decisive and immediate direction, and it can come only from the province. So good luck, Mr. Wells. You certainly need it.

## Hamilton Minipark Scheme May Be Next

We've had the minibike and the miniskirt and now it seems the minipark is the next thing in the offing.

At least that's the brainstorm of Hamilton Architect Norman Dobell, who wants to convert many of that city's intersections into tiny plazas.

Paul Kidd, writing recently in the Hamilton Spectator, said that Mr. Dobell has already taken his scheme to the city planning department and parks board, and has received the enthusiastic backing of the people there.

Mr. Dobell, who describes his plan as "a way to make the city green in the most economical way," said his idea is to block off the end of each of four

streets where they converge at an intersection.

Most of the land at this point is owned by the city, covering the roadway, sidewalk and a large slice of corner lawns, so the cost would only be for developing the park. This would amount to \$15,768, according to Mr. Dobell.

**INCREASED PARKING**  
He says also that street parking would be improved 50 percent under his plan. By parking cars in bays at right angles down one side of the street only, three cars could be accommodated in the space of one.

This would also leave plenty of space for moving traffic. Mr. Dobell said the design of each park would vary. Among the features would be shrubs,

trees, flowers, benches, reflecting pools, fountains, sandboxes, slides, swings, tiled walkways and grass plots.

He got the idea for the miniparks one cold night last winter when he was vainly trying to park his car on Homewood Avenue, where he lives.

He first thought of right-angle parking, and then went on from there to think about the end-of-street green belts. Mr. Dobell began a study of his neighborhood, making notes of distances, rights-of-way and the location of houses and back alleys.

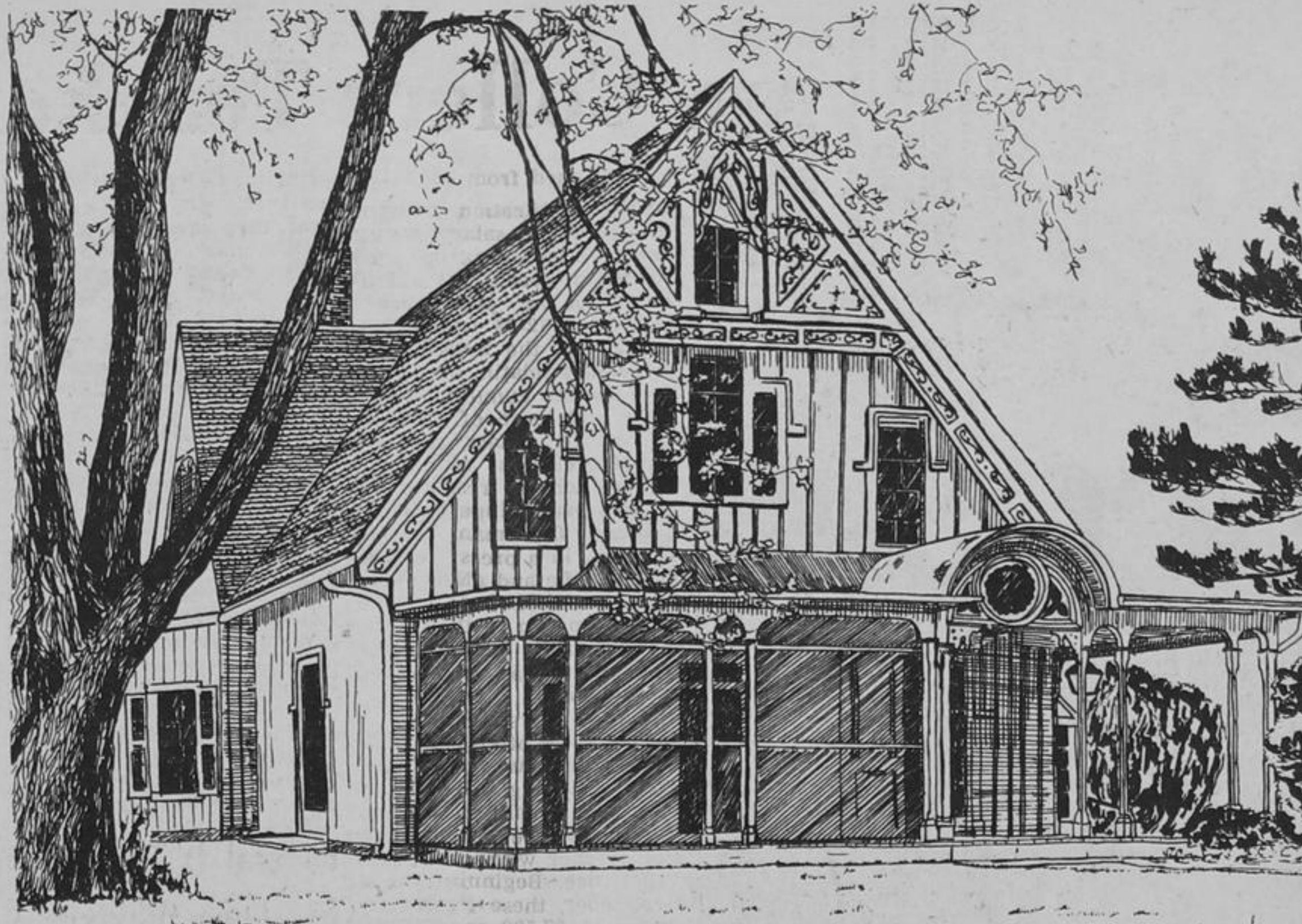
He then reasoned that, if some through streets were made into parking lots with miniparks at the end, this would slow down traffic, as well as making

neighborhoods safer and prettier.

The miniparks would also be planned so that garbage trucks, snow removal machines and emergency vehicles would not be hindered. Large paving stones would make an automatic transit way with a removable centre post and chains at each end of the strip.

Mr. Dobell said his plan would re-establish Hamilton as a pedestrian city.

"I believe that the minipark scheme, if adopted, will help to create a community spirit. If they wish, people will get to know their neighbors better. With a couple of exceptions, I don't even know who my neighbors are."



(By Ethel Snow and Estelle Barker)

## Don Head Farms - Once The Village Of Patterson

This home of beautiful Gothic architecture was built about 1850 by Peter Patterson, one of the three brothers who originally came from New Hampshire, to eventually settle on the Maple Sideroad (Major Mackenzie Drive) near Richmond Hill, where they founded the Patterson Agricultural Works.

The area grew into a thriving village known as Patterson for a period of about twenty years, until the agricultural works was moved and the post office closed.

In 1939 Willy Redelmeier emigrated from the Netherlands with his three sons, Frances, Ernest and Robert. He bought the Patterson Estate and converted it into a thriving agricultural enterprise, where Jersey, Aberdeen Angus Cattle and Southdown Sheep were raised. It is known today as Don Head Farms, the home of Don Head pure-bred Jerseys.

The original architecture of this over-a-century home has been retained by the present occupants, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Redelmeier.



## Nature Notes

### New Metro Zoo Topic For Naturalists

The Richmond Hill Naturalists met November 16 in St. Mary's Anglican Church to hear Mrs. Inge Bustard of the new Metro Zoo talk about the zoo and its place in the history of zoos.

The history of animals in captivity is a long and tragic one. For several thousand years prior to 1800, animals were often slaughtered by the hundreds all over Europe.

However, for just as long, captive animals have used for studies in natural history. Those planning the new zoo have the experiences of zoos of the past

from which to benefit. Mrs. Bustard said that the new zoo will be "the best zoo in the world". In her presentation she gave justification for this claim.

First she displayed a keen sensitivity for the needs of the individuals as she spoke of specific animals that stand out in her memory.

The zoo operates under a concept that "if you can't keep an animal well, don't keep it". Second, through slide presentation of future zoo inhabitants and in an explanation of optimum conditions for animals, Mrs. Bustard displayed a knowledge of animals and expertise in their handling that inspired confidence in her listeners.

Third, the design of the individual pavilions and the zoo as a whole is creative and imaginative. The 700 acres are arranged in five major pavilions according to geographic areas of the world.

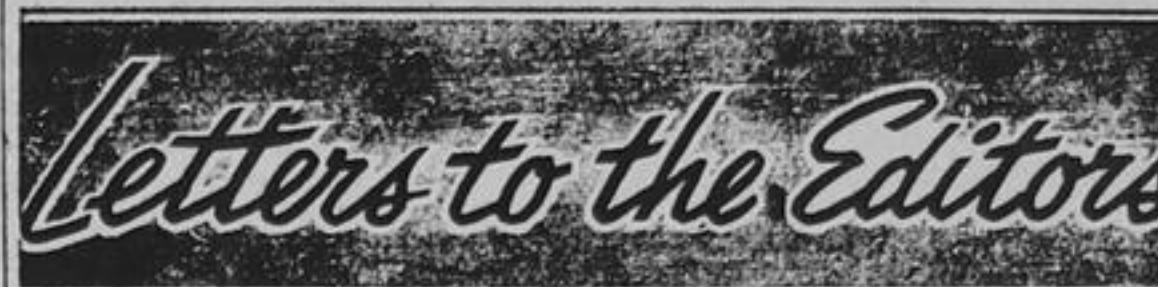
Where possible, animals that co-exist in nature will live together in the zoo. Various kinds of moats rather than bars or cages will separate the animals.

In some areas, zoo visitors will be allowed to walk among the animals as through the huge flight cage. There is every reason, the naturalists concluded, that the Metro Zoo will indeed be the best in the world.

Such a zoo, of course, is expensive. Mrs. Bustard told her audience that the zoological society needs continued support to reach its \$6 million objective, its share of the \$26 million cost. Mrs. Bustard delivered her address with a confidence borne of knowledge and experience, and particularly in dealing with favorite individual animals or the conditions necessary for mating, she displayed a warm sense of humor.

With spokesmen of this calibre, the society should reach its financial objective, and will have an informed public eagerly awaiting the opening next fall.

**December Outing—Christmas Bird Census**  
The Christmas Bird Census will take place on December 15. It is being coordinated this year by Mrs. Ottelvin Addison and Ott Devitt.



### RECLASSIFIED AS "ADULT"

Dear Mr. Editor— It has been brought to our attention by Property Manager Mrs. Vi Humenik that the buildings at 110-111 Inverlochy Boulevard owned by Pastoria Holdings Limited, Toronto, are to be RECLASSIFIED as "ADULT".

Legislation protects all minority groups but it does not protect families with children. If you allow this to be done, we and others like us will have no guarantee that when our leases expire they will be renewed. Will we be forced to move again?

Without our children we have the right to stay. With our children we are forced to move. "Is this DISCRIMINATION?"

Our children's education is disrupted in instances where leases expire during school months.

Parents should not be placed in the position of having to move to other areas (causing increases in rent) that are not necessarily proper areas to bring up children.

If we allow this to persist, in future years tenants with families will be forced to live in overcrowded complexes, where the end result will be overcrowded schools and second class education for our children.

We and many others feel that this is "DISCRIMINATION".

**INVERLOCHY TENANTS ASSOCIATION**  
Judy Stafford  
Carol Riley  
Barbara Crowder  
Ainslie McCorquodale  
Marilyn Sabata  
Warren Riley  
Elsie Smith

(Twenty-seven families in all support this petition.)

### POPPY CAMPAIGN

Dear Mr. Editor— I would like, through the medium of your paper, to thank the citizens of the Town of Richmond Hill for their magnificent response to their Poppy Campaign, conducted prior to Remembrance Day by the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 375.

The whole-hearted support made it possible to achieve the highest rating since the inception of the campaign. From the youngest tagger (778 Squadron Air Cadets) to the Poppy Chairman of the canvassing committee, our profound gratitude for your great generosity.

**WILLIAM POLLARD**, Chairman, Poppy Committee.

### MODULAR HOME STUDY

Dear Mr. Editor— I am personally closely affected by the decisions being made in council relative to the above matter because our farm is in the immediate neighborhood of the site of the proposed modular home development on 19th Avenue.

I am concerned that the sinking of a deep well to supply water to a large number of people will lower the level of the water table and cause other wells in the district to go dry.

I am fearful that the installation of a sewage lagoon may contaminate the water in the creek on which we rely to provide water for cattle. The disturbance incidental to the whole project could have the effect of caus-

ing the creek to go dry. My experience of sewage lagoons is that they stink. I could name at least two communities where this could be demonstrated.

The circumstances surrounding the application to council include a conflict of interest situation. The councillor representing Ward 5 has quite properly declared his position and refrained from voting. However, the end result of this is that Ward 5, in which the proposed development would be, is effectively deprived of any vote at all in the matter. The remedy should be quite clear to the Ward 5 Councillor.

Looking forward, perhaps not so very far, the land occupied by the project may be expected to increase greatly in value. At some point, the owners of the project may wish to sell the land and occupants might not be able to renew their leases. The municipality would then have on its hands a large number of families, together with an equal number of modular homes, with no place to go. The stink could be worse than that of any number of sewage lagoons.

The proposed development would appear to be governed by normal business objectives, namely the earning of profits. I cannot accept that it is a public-spirited attempt to provide low cost housing for the needy.

Council should throw the whole scheme out.

**ROBERT BRITNELL**, RR 2, Gormley.

### Dear Mr. Editor— HUMOROUS YOUNG MAN?

It's hard to know just where to begin this reply to Jim Irving's pathetically puerile review of the St. Matthew's "Exit The Body" (November 22 issue). Is Mr. Irving a petulant old warhorse who could be expected to unjustly accuse a director of changing the script? Or is he a humorless young man not so much mean and sinister as — well, young? Or again, is he simply a fictional character under whose name an over-worked and emotionally distraught editor dashed off a review of a play he never saw?

But then, who cares? What really matters is that those of us who took in "Exit The Body" thoroughly enjoyed the farce, and are already looking forward with keen anticipation to the Players' next production.

**JOHN McTAVISH**, 229 Beechy Drive, Richmond Hill.

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## Gibson House

Jim Shortt is an artist who paints all over Ontario, but will exhibit his works in only one place — the lower gallery of the Gibson House Museum in Willowdale — because he finds this historic site the ideal setting for his works.

Born in Toronto, Shortt has been a professional painter for 25 years. His weekend hobby has developed into much more than just an extension of his commercial artist's life. He now devotes most of his time to preparing for his annual one-man exhibition which, for the past three years, has been an outstanding success.

His latest exhibition, entitled "Authentic Ontario" is a result of his love for his home province.

During the year, prior to his exhibition, Shortt constantly drives through every area of Ontario to find scenes that inspire and excite him for his paintings. He then remains on location until he has depicted the atmosphere of that specific scene.

Shortt feels that the Metro area is the most important area for future Canadian artists to display their work because it is now acclaimed internationally as a great cultural centre.

Over 50 of Shortt's oil paintings will be on display from November 29 to December 30 at the Gibson House, 5172 Yonge Street, behind the Willowdale Post Office, which is open from 9:30 am to 5 pm Monday to Saturday and from noon to 5 pm Sunday. Admission is 25¢ for children and 50¢ for adults.

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Appellants will be notified by mail of the date and time at which their complaint will be heard.

Dated at Newmarket this 19th day of November, 1973.

M. Harbison, M.I.M.A., Regional Registrar.

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